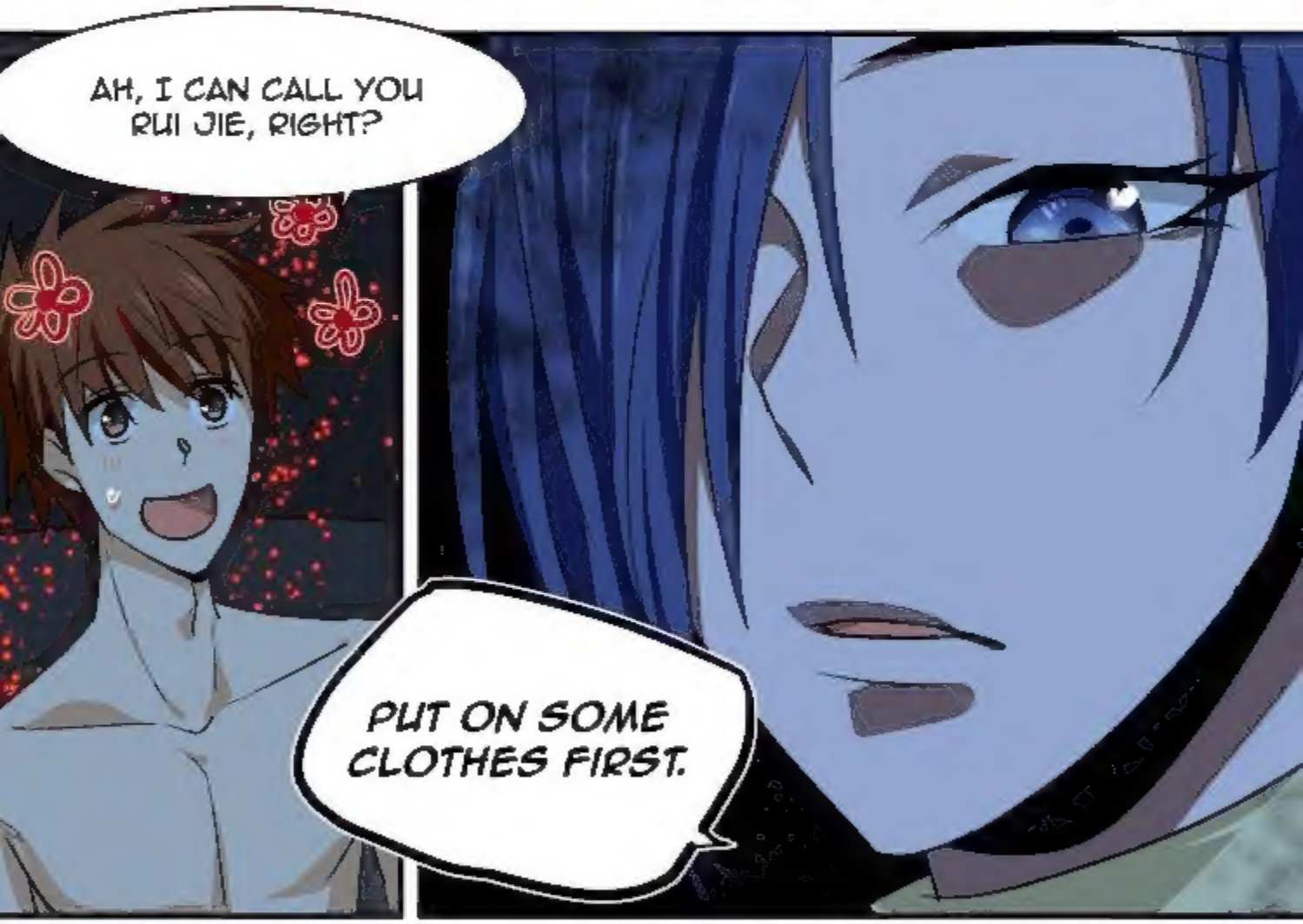
HAAH~

AFTER BEING RECONSTRUCTED, ALL OF THE ANAESTHESIA IS GONE, HOW REFRESHING.

AHHH~

Looks like I've made quite a big mess.

LOOKS LIKE I'VE DONE A NUMBER ON THIS PLACE.
SORRY 'BOUT THAT, RUI JIE.


AH, I CAN CALL YOU RUI JIE, RIGHT?
PUT ON SOME CLOTHES FIRST.

EH?

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MMM~
YUMMY~!

AFTER RESSURECTING, MY STOMACH WAS COMPLETELY EMPTY, I WAS FAMISHED!
BEING FULL IS GREAT!

THIS CHILD, HAS TO BE HIDING SOMETHING.
HIS BODY IS TRULY A MYSTERY, BUT AT FIRST GLANCE ONE WOULD NEVER KNOW THAT.
RIGHT, RUI JIE.
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
ARE YOU NOT ALLOWED TO TALK ABOUT IT WITH ME?
ALRIGHT...
FIRST, YUE HU.

YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO KILL YOURSELF!
EH?
AHAHA...
GEEZ, I STILL CAN RESURRECT, WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL~
CAEK: I MAY HAVE BEEN SPELLING RESURRECT WRONG ALL THIS TIME...
YOU REALLY ARE A CHILD... YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND A THING.
ANYWAY, YOU'RE ASKING ME WHAT HAPPENED?

BEFORE YOU RESURRECTED, SOMETHING APPEARED.
IT HAD YOUR APPEARANCE, BUT INSISTED IT WASN'T YOU.

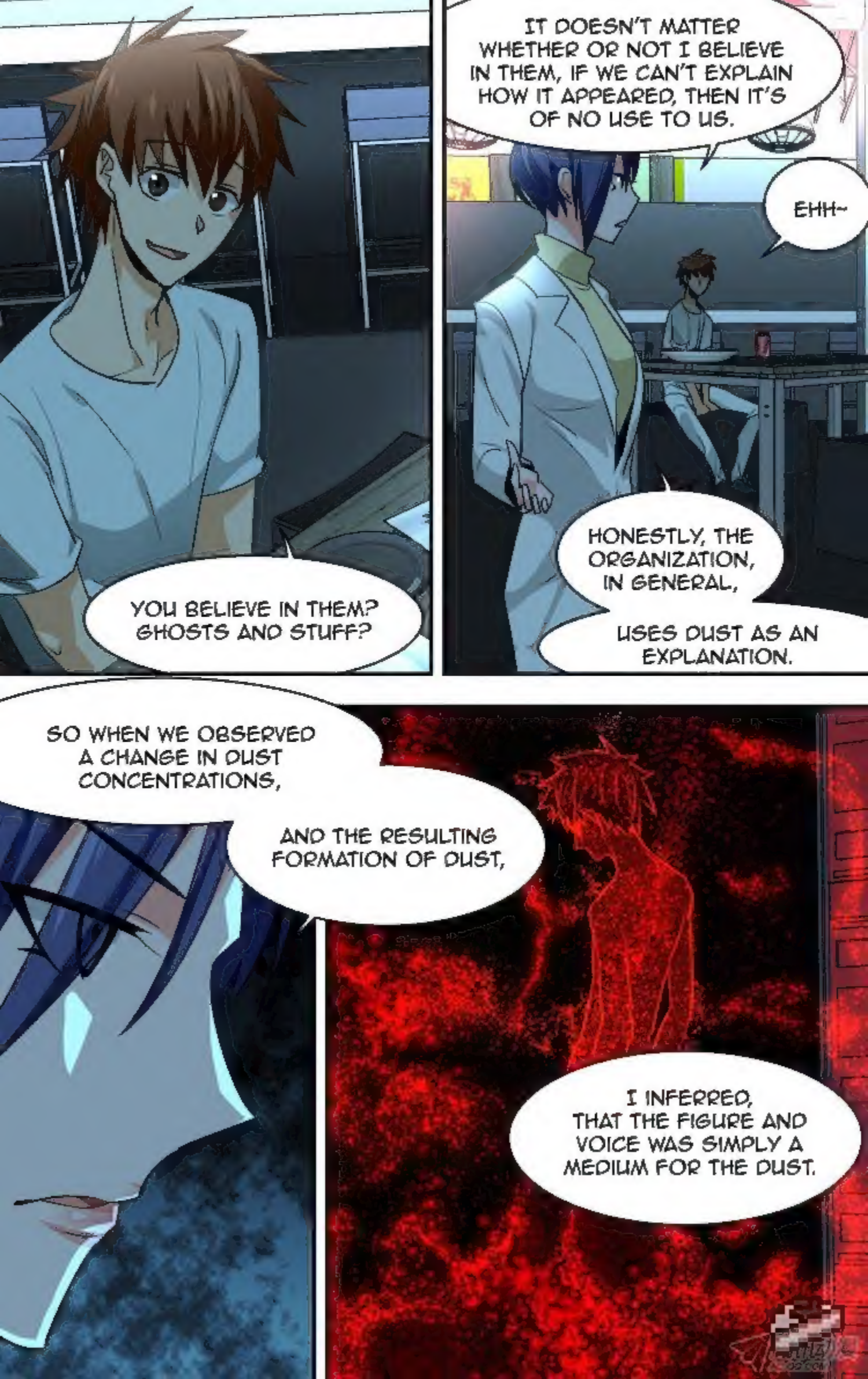
FILIUS...

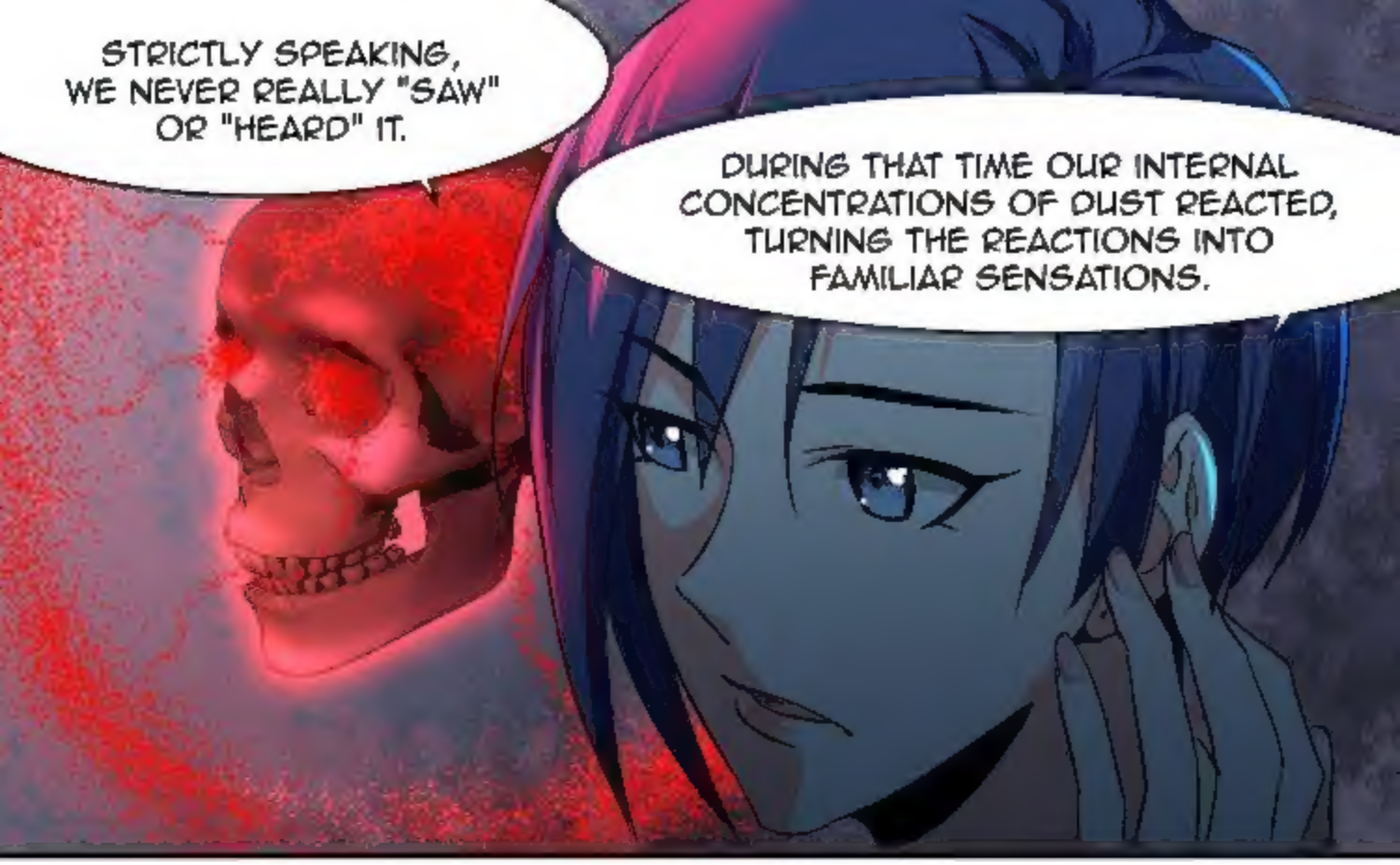
THE REASON WHY WE'RE CALLING IT "SOMETHING".
IS BECAUSE WE COULDN'T SEE IT ON THE VIDEO FEED.
越旸
THE SOUND RECORDING ALSO ONLY HAS MY VOICE ON IT.

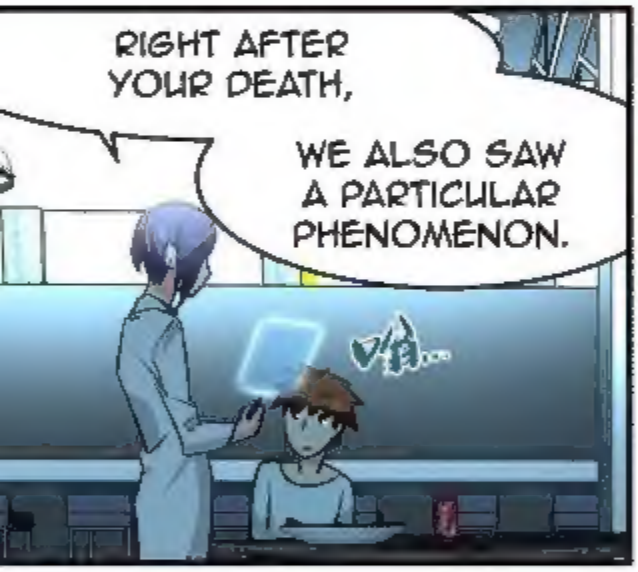
BUT THE OTHER RESEARCHERS ALL SAW HIM, AND HEARD HIS VOICE.

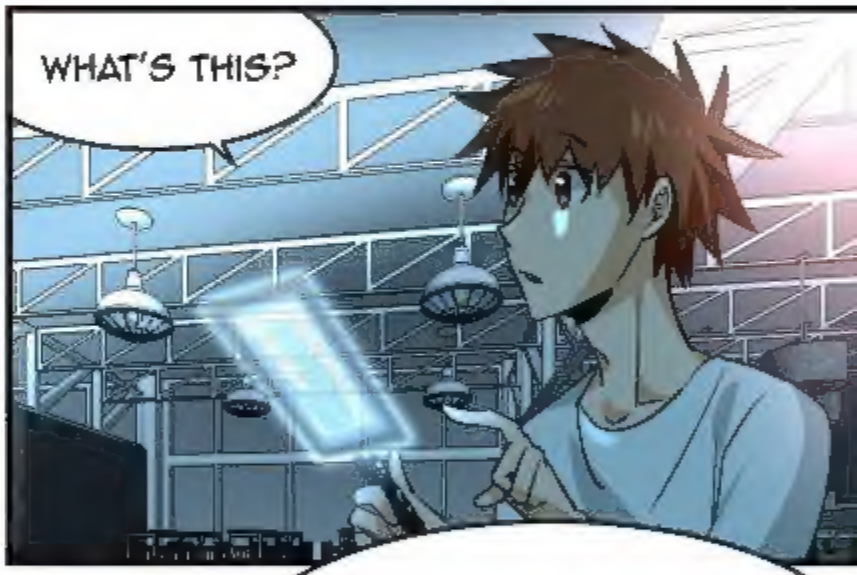
TEXT: YUE HU...

So to speak,
We "saw a ghost".


YOU BELIEVE IN THEM? GHOSTS AND STUFF?
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER OR NOT I BELIEVE IN THEM, IF WE CAN'T EXPLAIN HOW IT APPEARED, THEN IT'S OF NO USE TO US.
EHH~
HONESTLY, THE ORGANIZATION, IN GENERAL,
USES DUST AS AN EXPLANATION.
SO WHEN WE OBSERVED A CHANGE IN DUST CONCENTRATIONS,
AND THE RESULTING FORMATION OF DUST,
I INFERRED, THAT THE FIGURE AND VOICE WAS SIMPLY A MEDIUM FOR THE DUST.


STRICTLY SPEAKING, WE NEVER REALLY "SAW" OR "HEARD" IT.
DURING THAT TIME OUR INTERNAL CONCENTRATIONS OF DUST REACTED, TURNING THE REACTIONS INTO FAMILIAR SENSATIONS.


RIGHT AFTER YOUR DEATH,
WE ALSO SAW A PARTICULAR PHENOMENON.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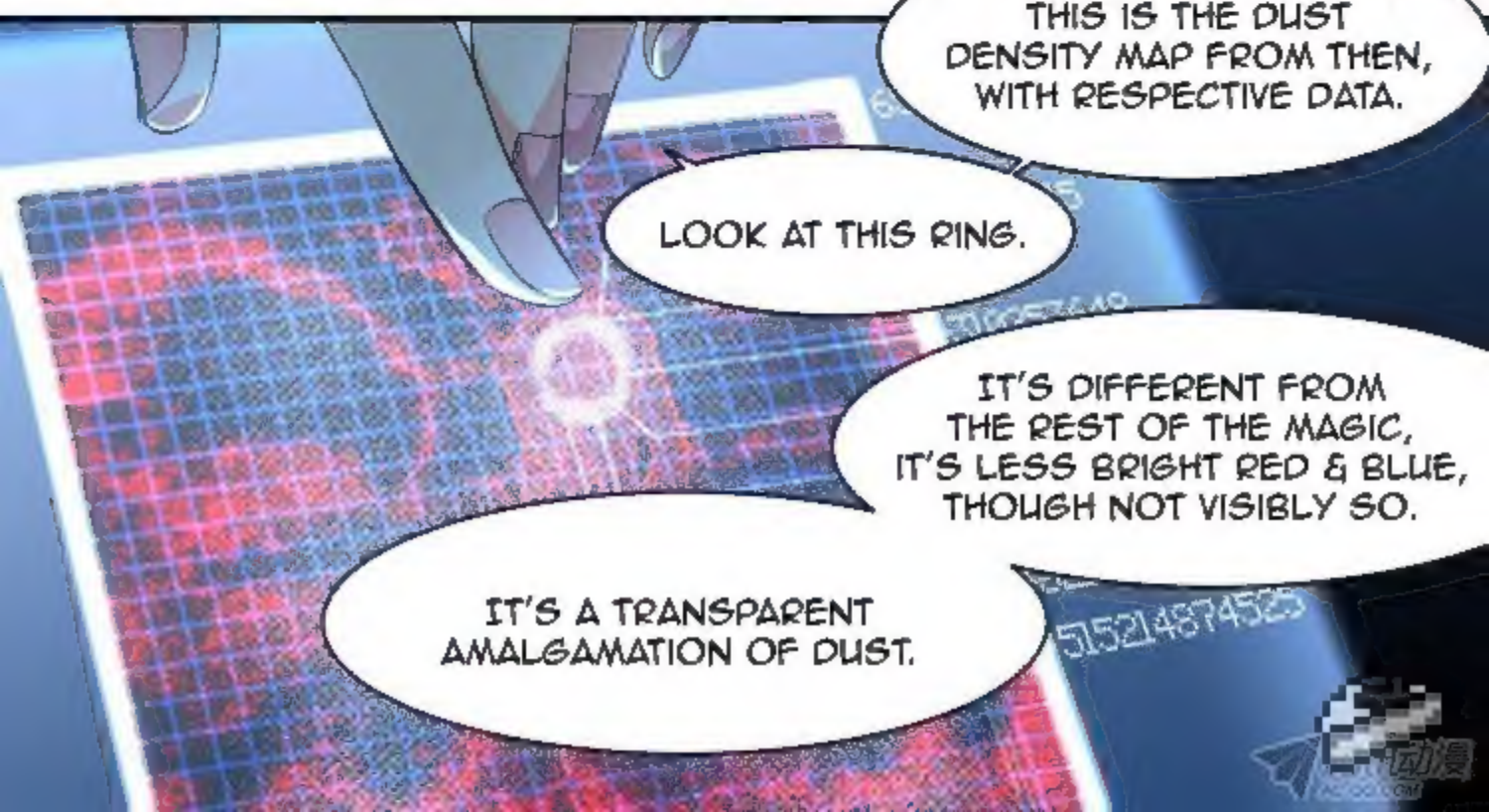
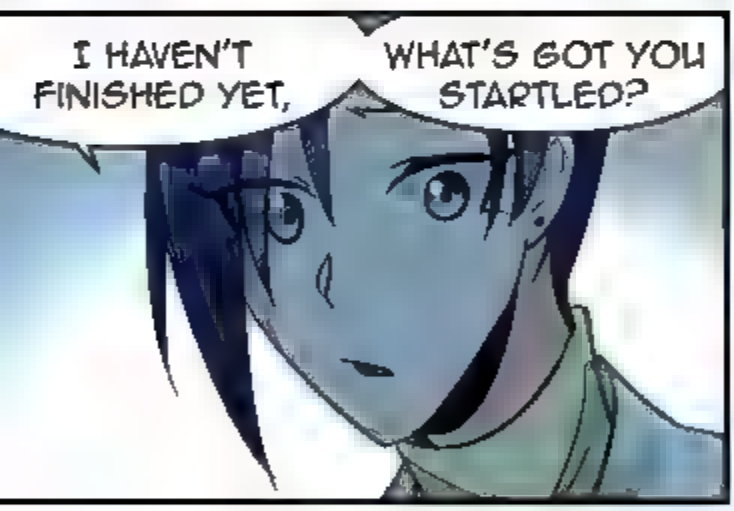

THIS IS THE DUST DENSITY MAP FROM THEN, WITH RESPECTIVE DATA.
LOOK AT THIS RING.
IT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE REST OF THE MAGIC, IT'S LESS BRIGHT RED & BLUE, THOUGH NOT VISIBLY SO.
IT'S A TRANSPARENT AMALGAMATION OF DUST.

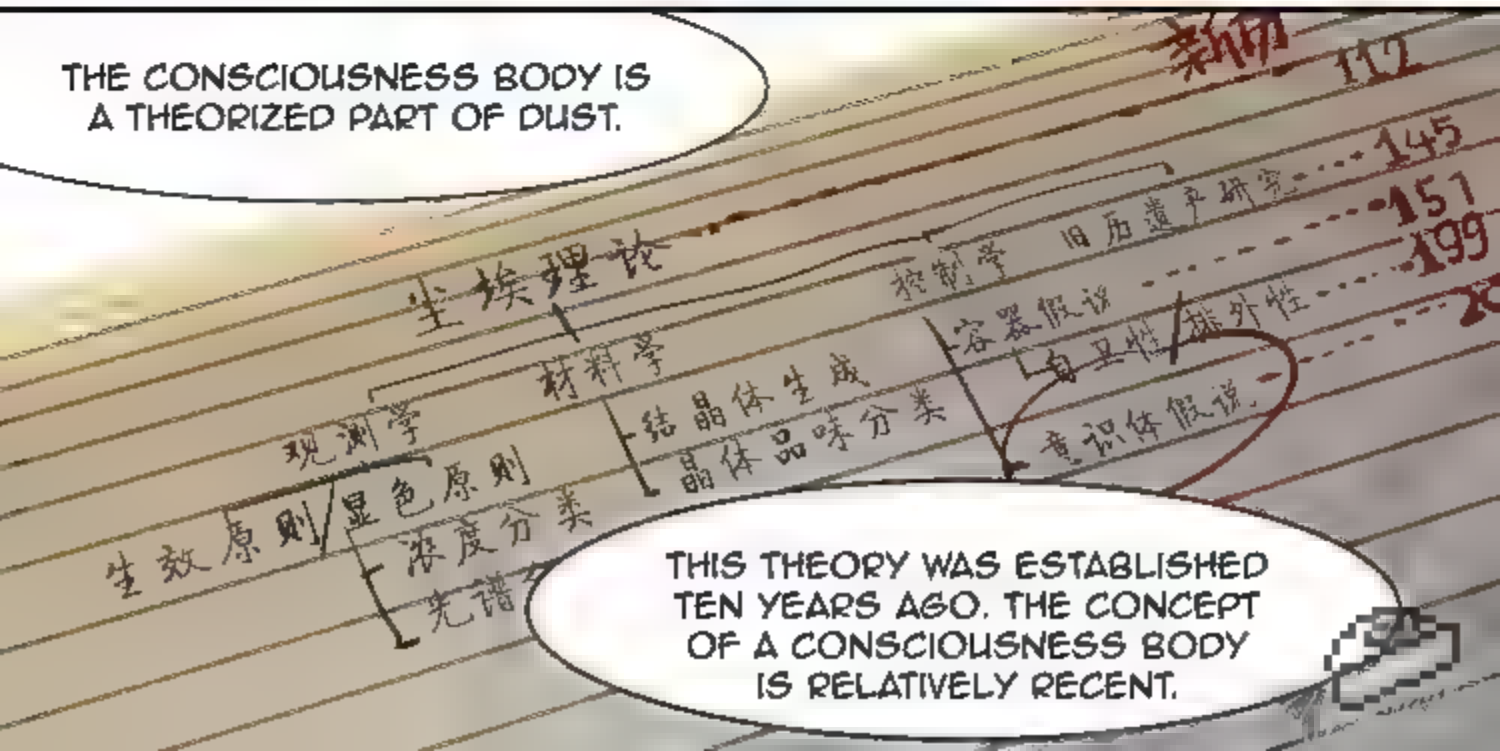
REGARDLESS OF THE APPEARANCE OF THIS SO-CALLED GHOST,
IT'S STILL YOUR REINCARNATION, WITH A RING AS ITS HEART.

IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE,
THIS RING IS WHAT CONTROLS DUST.

I CAN ONLY THINK OF ONE EXPLANATION, THAT IS YOUR "CONSCIOUSNESS BODY".
EERH?!


I HAVEN'T FINISHED YET,
WHAT'S GOT YOU STARTLED?

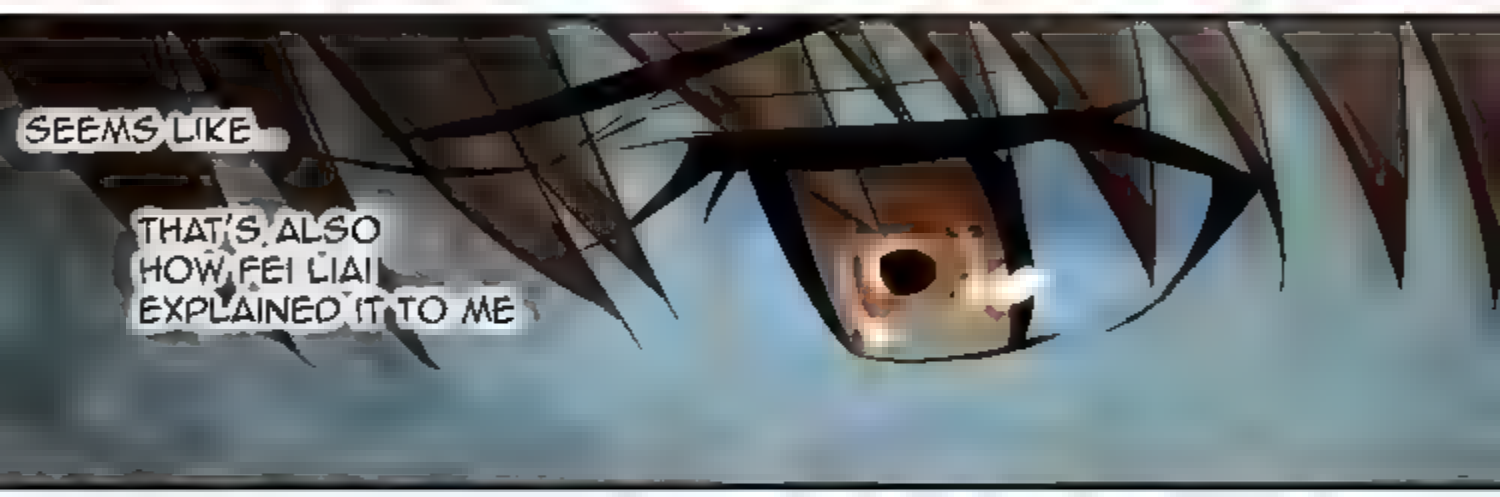
UH... NOTHING...


THE CONSCIOUSNESS BODY IS A THEORIZED PART OF DUST.
THIS THEORY WAS ESTABLISHED TEN YEARS AGO. THE CONCEPT OF A CONSCIOUSNESS BODY IS RELATIVELY RECENT.

AROUND TEN YEARS AGO, THE REBEL ORGANIZATION TOOK IN A GROUP OF MAGIC RESEARCHERS,
THEIR RESEARCH AT THE TIME INCLUDED THE IDEA OF A CONSCIOUSSNESS BODY,
BUT BECAUSE IT WAS NOT VERY PRACTICAL, THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT CONTINUE IN THIS DIRECTION, AND TURNED TOWARDS THE MAKING OF WEAPONS.
THE SCHOOL YOU WENT TO UNDER THE REBEL ORGANIZATION, DEFINITELY TEACHES THE LINK BETWEEN DUST AND MAGIC.
BUT THE TERM, "CONSCIOUSNESS BODY" IS NEW.
.....
YUE HU?
AH, YEAH...

ACTUALLY THAT'S NOTHING NEW, I JUST DIDN'T THINK THAT I'D HEAR THAT TERM.
THOSE RESEARCHERS THAT SHE MENTIONED, I WONDER WHO THEY ARE...
HOW DO I PUT IT,
YOU'RE SAYING THAT AT THE TIME I WAS "CONFIRMED DEAD",
BUT I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE I HAD DISAPPEARED IN THE FIRST PLACE, ONLY THAT I ENTERED ANOTHER STATE.
SUPPOSING THAT, IF THAT WAS MY CONSCIOUSNESS BODY, WHAT DOES THE APPEARANCE OF THAT RING MEAN... ?
I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND~

IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN YOU BETTER LISTEN TO THIS,
THE CONSCIOUSNESS BODY IS THE CLOSEST THING TO WHAT WE CONSIDER A SOUL.
I GOT IT...



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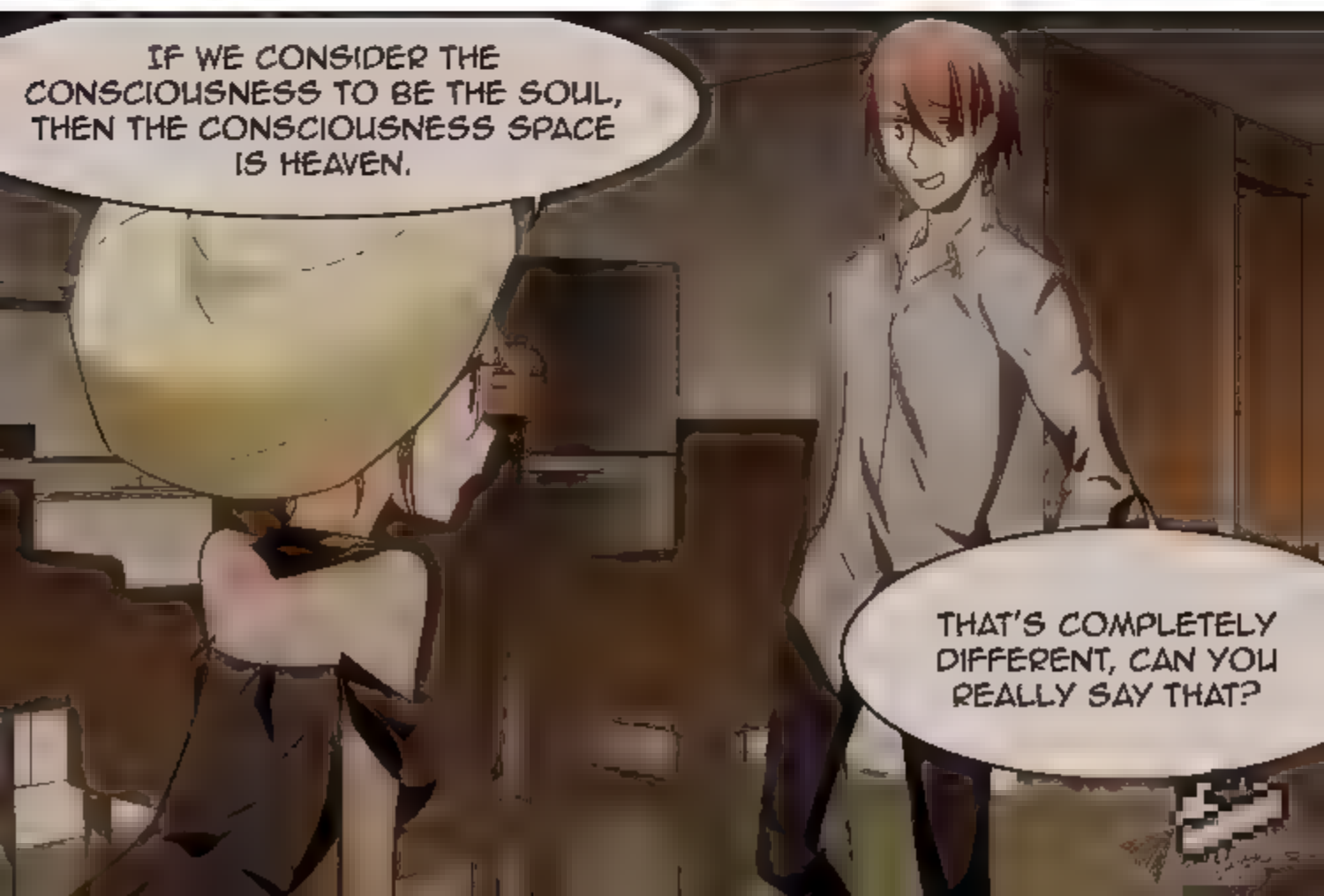

IF WE CONSIDER THE CONSCIOUSNESS TO BE THE SOUL, THEN THE CONSCIOUSNESS SPACE IS HEAVEN.
THAT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT, CAN YOU REALLY SAY THAT?

IT WASN'T SOMETHING SAID IN JEST, SHE WAS REALLY TRYING TO EXPLAIN TO ME, BUT I COULD ONLY LAUGH IT OFF WHEN I HEARD IT
IF ENVOYS USE A SIMILAR PROCESS FOR REBIRTH, AND THE CONSCIOUSNESS BODY IS THE KEY TO RESURRECTION,
THEN ALL WE NEED TO DO IS DESTROY THE CONSCIOUSNESS BODY, ENDING THE REBIRTH OF ENVOYS.
TOO BAD THE CONSCIOUSNESS BODY ITSELF IS NOT VISIBLE. IT'S LIKE IT'S BEEN DELIBERATELY HIDDEN.
WE HAVE NO MEANS TO LOCATE IT, LET ALONE DESTROY IT.
IS THERE REALLY NO WAY... ?

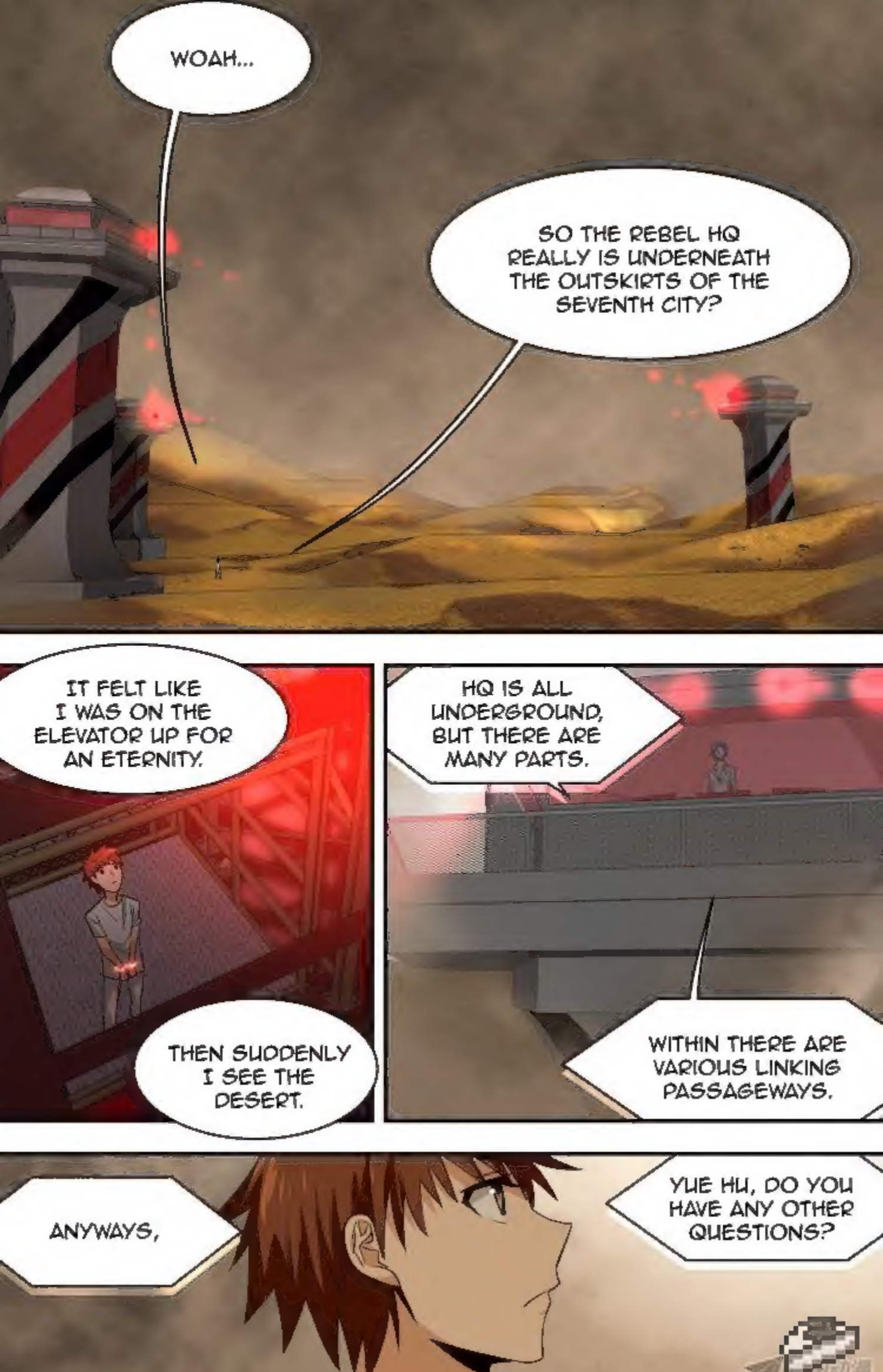
AGAIN, TEXT IS FROM CHAPTER 22 - PAGE 12

WHEN A PERSON IS DYING, IF THEIR SOUL HASN'T LEFT THE BODY, THE SOUL WILL DIE OUT WITH THE BODY, AND DISSIPATE.

THAT'S WHAT FEI LIAI SAID

WHEN SHE "SWAPPED THEM", SAYING THE SOUL IN PLACE OF THE CONSCIOUSNESS' BODY

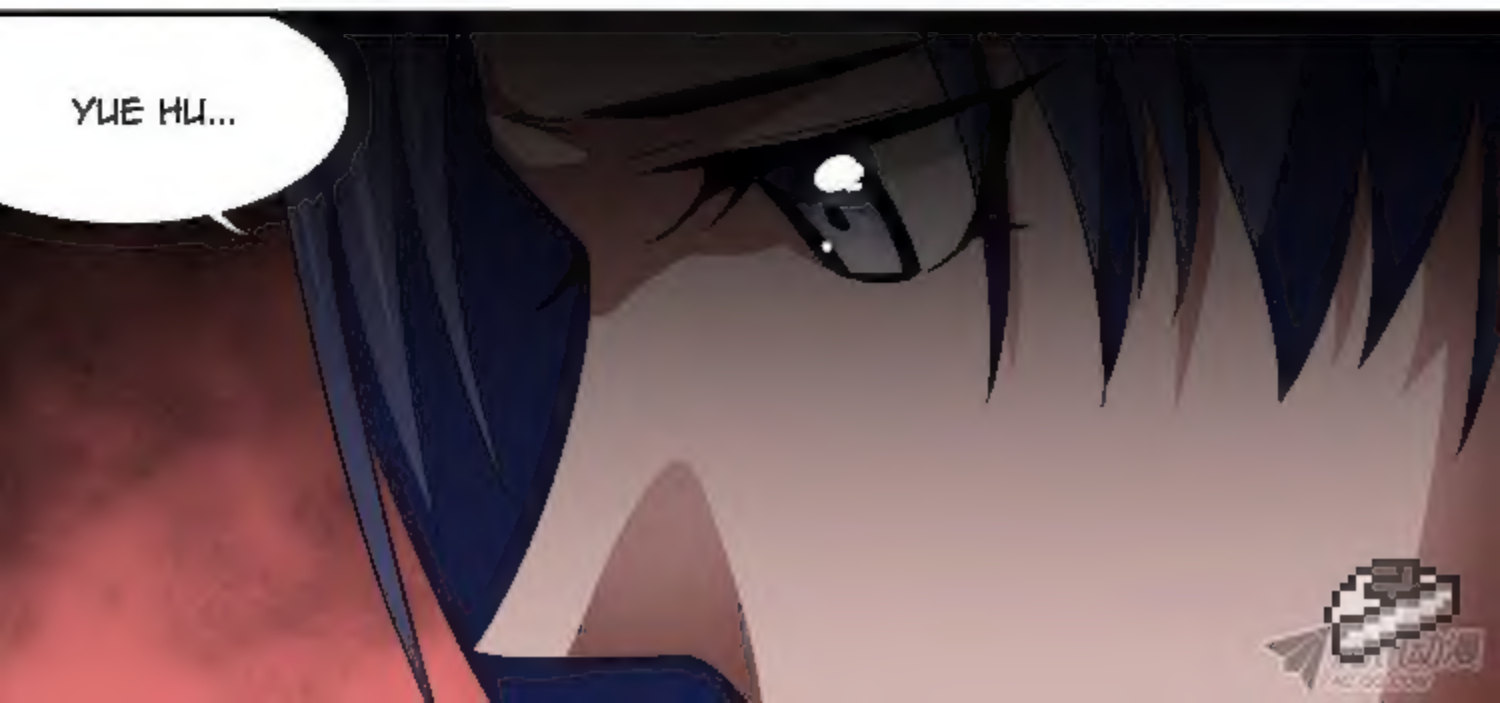
BEFORE DEATH, THE CONSCIOUSNESS BODY IS ALREADY DISENGAGED,
IF THE CONSCIOUSNESS BODY ISN'T DISENGAGED, THEN WILL IT ALSO FOLLOW SUIT WITH THE BODY AND BE DESTROYED, THEN?
WE HAVE NO MEANS TO LOCATE IT, LET ALONE DESTROY IT.
Could this be a way?
RUI JIE, I HAVE AN IDEA...


WOAH...
SO THE REBEL HQ REALLY IS UNDERNEATH THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE SEVENTH CITY?
IT FELT LIKE I WAS ON THE ELEVATOR UP FOR AN ETERNITY.
THEN SUDDENLY I SEE THE DESERT.
HQ IS ALL UNDERGROUND, BUT THERE ARE MANY PARTS.
WITHIN THERE ARE VARIOUS LINKING PASSAGEWAYS.
ANYWAYS,
YUE HU, DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

DON'T WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL OUTSIDE THE FACILITY?
THIS PLACE IS OUT IN THE OPEN~

IT NEEDS TO BE,
IF THERE'S NOT ENOUGH ROOM, YOU'LL BREAK STUFF.

HAR HAR HAR...


YUE HU...

IT WILL BE EXCRUCIATING.
YOU BETTER THINK THIS THROUGH. TO VERIFY YOUR IDEA,
YOU'LL HAVE TO BE DRIVEN NEAR DEATH COUNTLESS TIMES.
NO WORRIES.
JUST DON'T KILL ME FOR REAL, THAT'S ALL.
LET'S GET STARTED.

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